U.H.J. We are Sensible that the French will Embrace every Opportunity to annoy his Majestys Dominions and Distress his Subjects; and that It is the indispensible Duty of all Britons to Contribute their utmost Endeavours to Defeat the Designs of so dangerous an Enemy.

As to Our Own Parts, we assure Your Excellency that nothing in Our Power shall ever be wanting to demonstrate Our Loyalty to Our most Gracious Sovereign, or to disappoint the schemes of his Majestys Enemies against his Sacred Person & Government or to Our own Security and that of Our fellow Subjects

Benjamin Tasker President

To which address his Excellency was pleased to Return the following Answer

Gentlemen of the Upper house of Assembly I return you thanks for your kind Address; and am well Satisfied of Your Zeal for his Majestys Service and the Security of Our fellow Subjects in General as well as the Interest of this Province in Particular

Sam: Ogle

Adjourned till three of the Clock in the afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This house met again According to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

A Message from the Lower house by Mess¹⁸ Sheredine & Sullyvan By the Lower house of Assembly 23^d December 1747

p. 217 May it please your Honours. The Inclemency of the weather having Prevented several Gentlemen of this house attending at the Time mentioned in his Excellency the Governors Proclamation for meeting this house employed Several Messengers to go for those Gentlemen, who with any Probability were supposed to be able to attend, and as those Messengers expect to be paid immediately for their Trouble and Expences, We propose that Orders be Drawn on the Treasurer of the Western Shoar by the Clerk of this house Payable to the Messengers or their Order or Orders with which if Your house concurs those Orders will be Drawn Accordingly

Signed p Order M Macnemara Ct. Lo. H.

The following Message is sent by Col Hammond

By the Upper house of Assembly 23d Decemr 1747

Gentlemen This house is willing that the Messengers who were sent for those Members of Your house, who were prevented by the Badness of the weather from Attending at the Time of meeting mentioned in the Governors Proclamation, be paid by an Order or Orders drawn by the Clerk of Your house on the Treasurer of the Western Shoar

Signed p Order John Ross Ct Up H.